



*Office of the  
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## ***City of Salisbury*** **North Carolina**

### **A Statement by Mayor Susan Kluttz June 7, 2011**

At tonight's Salisbury City Council meeting, I was saddened to announce that Council had received notification from City Manager David Treme that he would be stepping down as City Manager of Salisbury effective August 1, 2011.

Dave has served the City of Salisbury for over 25 years. In addition to his outstanding professional service, he has also held leadership positions in non-profits including the Rowan County United Way, the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, the Salisbury Rotary Club, and the Salisbury Community Development Corporation. He began his 36-year career in 1975 serving as City Manager of Mauldin, SC and later in Georgetown, SC.

Although the Council has urged him to remain, they recognize and honor his request to spend more time with his family and pursue some new endeavors outside of city government. During tonight's meeting, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution appointing Dave Treme to the City's highest professional honor, City Manager Emeritus.

I have worked closely with Dave since becoming Mayor nearly 14 years ago, and it is difficult to imagine Salisbury City government without him. He is responsible for implementing so many of the practices that are used in our government today and which have made us a model for other cities in the state and nation. Goals and outcomes, annual goal-setting retreats, management team leadership, and customer service initiatives are a few of the many excellent ways our government is unique.

Major accomplishments during these last 25 years have included the renovation of the Plaza Building, the revitalization of the Downtown, the Towne Mall redevelopment, and the Flowers Bakery project. Public-private partnerships have included the Salisbury-Rowan Utilities agreement with Progress Energy to increase Salisbury's water plant capacity to over 25 million gallons per day. The City's Customer Service Initiative was recently featured nationally in the August 2010 Public Management Magazine.

We are most grateful for Dave's tremendous job for Fibrant, the City's new broadband system. After several years of study, focus groups and public hearings, he has guided the plan through the construction of the system, the building, and the completion of the infrastructure, with the system now fully operational and serving over 900 customers.

One of Dave's greatest strengths is that he understands the importance of having a strong team of leaders managing the departments. Having these qualified leaders in place will help ensure a smooth transition for the City, and I am confident the outstanding government that we experience today will continue in the future.

We are grateful for Dave's tremendous service to the City. What Salisbury is today is due in great part to his vision and leadership. We wish him the very best in the days ahead and hope that those days will be spent here in Salisbury.